



July 26, 2006

Honorable Vic Snyder
1330 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Snyder:

On behalf of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), I am responding to your inquiry regarding efforts to provide hunting opportunities for paralyzed and disabled veterans on Santa Rosa Island. While PVA applauds the efforts by Chairman Duncan Hunter to open hunting and outdoor venues for our members, other disabled veterans and current service members we have come to the conclusion that the Santa Rosa Island initiative is not viable. PVA has sent one of our members to the island and we have explored possible solutions to the challenges posed by the site; however, it is our opinion that the numerous obstacles inherent to the island, including ingress and egress, logistics, personal safety and cost, far outweigh the possible, limited benefit it could provide.

It is our hope that the concept of expanded hunting and outdoor opportunities on federal facilities for our members, other disabled veterans and service personnel will continue to receive the attention of Congress. Chairman Hunter's efforts should serve as a starting point for future initiatives to provide accessible venues for both veterans and active duty personnel. We would be happy to work with you and other members to explore alternatives to this issue and identify other opportunities across the country that may afford veterans expanded options.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Duncan L. Hunter, Chairman
House Committee on Armed Services

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